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## STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Stephen P. Smith et al.

Application No./Patent No.: 10/791,645

Filed/Issue Date: 01 March 2004

Entitled: **CONTROL SYSTEM FOR ARCHITECTURAL COVERINGS WITH REVERSIBLE DRIVE AND SINGLE OPERATING ELEMENT**

Hunter Douglas Inc., a corporation

(Name of Assignee)

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Date

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Telephone number

Richard C. Gottuso

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Title

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Joint US InventorsASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS we, **Stephen P. Smith, Wendell B. Colson, and James L. Miller** (the "Inventors"), residing respectively at **560 South Ogden St., Denver, CO 80209, 14 Byron Road, Weston, MA 02493 and 11790 N. Ivy St., Thornton, CO 80233**, are the joint inventors of an invention in **Control System For Architectural Coverings With Reversible Drive And Single Operating Element** for which invention we have executed a United States non-provisional patent application bearing serial number **10/791,645** filed on **March 1, 2004** claiming the benefit of United States provisional patent bearing serial number **60/452,222** filed on **March 4, 2003** herewith, and we are entitled to assign our entire right, title and interest world-wide in and to the invention and any intellectual property protection for the invention, including the US patent application and any Canadian patent application therefor; and

WHEREAS Hunter Douglas Inc. (the "Company"), having a place of business at **2 Park Way, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey 07458 USA**, is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest world-wide in and to the invention and any intellectual property protection for the invention, including the US patent application and any Canadian patent application therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of one Dollar (USD 1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign and transfer to the Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest world-wide in and to the invention and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models and designs, whether original, divisional, continuation, renewal, reissue, or the like, now on file or subsequently filed, for the invention world-wide, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for such applications the priority rights derived from the US patent application under any national or international intellectual property laws or agreements and any industrial property protection including, without limitation, patents, utility models and designs, now or hereafter granted, for the invention world-wide, and any extensions, renewals, reissues or the like thereof.

FURTHER we hereby authorize and request any official of any state, responsible for issuing patents or other evidence or forms of any industrial property protection, to issue the same for the invention to the Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with this assignment.

ALSO we hereby agree that we have the full right to convey our entire, right, title and interest in and to the invention world-wide and all applications for industrial property protection for the invention world-wide and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict with this assignment.

MOREOVER we hereby agree that we will communicate to the Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns any facts known to us respecting the invention and testify in any legal proceeding, sign any lawful papers, execute any original, divisional, continuation and reissue applications, make any rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns to obtain and enforce proper protection for the invention world-wide.

FURTHER we hereby agree that this assignment is to be considered effective as of the filing date of the US patent application and we hereby authorize the Company, its successors and assigns, or anyone it may properly designate, to insert in this instrument the serial number of the US patent application.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands the day, month and year opposite our signatures below.

6/7/04  
(Date)

Stephen P. Smith  
(Inventor : Signature and Name)  
Stephen P. Smith

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James L. Miller  
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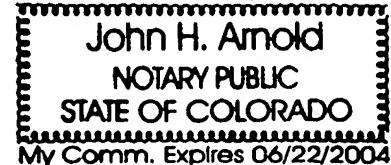
TODAY BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for the place stated below, personally appeared **Stephen P. Smith** and **James L. Miller**, to me known and known to me to be the Inventor named above, who signed this assignment and acknowledged it to be his free act and deed.

June 7, 2004  
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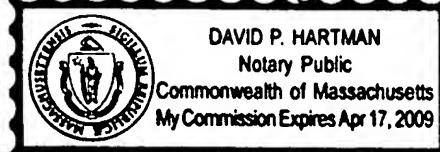


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Wendell B. Colson  
(Inventor : Signature and Name)  
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TODAY BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for the place stated below, personally appeared **Wendell B. Colson**, to me known and known to me to be the Inventor named above, who signed this assignment and acknowledged it to be their free act and deed.

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THE COMPANY hereby acknowledges the previous statements of the Inventors and accepts their assignment.

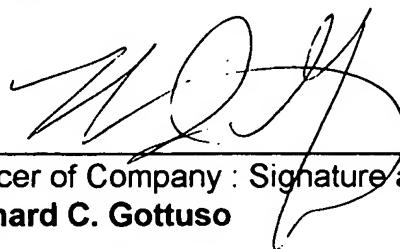
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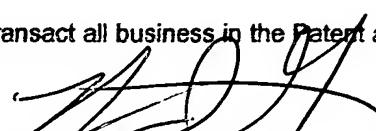
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